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To: Director, Fish and Wildlife Service

Director, Geological Survey Director, National Park Service Director, Office of Surface Mining

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management

Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the

Hiker/Equestrian Trails Designation Project (Phase I), Shawnee National Forest, Saline County, Illinois (ER 03/1010)(Agency due date: January 30, 2004)

The Forest Service has published in the December 9, 2003, <u>Federal Register</u>, a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the subject project. You may access the Notice of Intent on the Internet at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont03.html.

This notice gives you an early opportunity to provide technical assistance and/or to participate from your areas of special expertise or jurisdiction. If significant involvement is indicated, you should also participate in the follow-up scoping activities.

Comments should be made directly to the person listed in the notice by January 30, 2004.

Please provide a copy of any comments you make to this Office.

/s/ 12/10/03

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cc: Assistant Secretaries

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